Handbook for Rushees 1936-37

Oregon State College

National Sororities on the Oregon State College Campus

Alpha Chi Omega
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Panhellenic Office

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Officers of Panhellenic

Calendar for Rushing Season

General Calendar.

Friday, September 25, to and including Thursday, October 1. Period of Fall Rushing.

Rushing closed for the remainder of the term.

The first two weeks of winter and spring terms are open to informal rushings; the remaining weeks of the terms are closed.

First Period

Thursday, September 24:

5:00 p.m.—Round Tables of Freshmen Women with Panhellenic in charge.

Friday, September 25:

3:00-5:30 p.m.—Open house to all sorority houses. No invitations, everyone interested in pledging is invited to all of the houses.

7:00 p.m.—First date books issued.

Second Period

Saturday, September 26:

8:00 a.m.—Date books collected. 12:00-1:30 p.m.—Luncheon. 6:00-7:30 p.m.—Dinner.

Sunday, September 27:

9:00-10:30 a.m.—Breakfast.

Third Period

Sunday, September 27:

2:00 p.m.—Date books issued.

4:00 p.m.—Collected.

7:30-9:00 p.m.—Fireside at houses.

Monday, September 28:

6:00-7:30 p.m.—Dinner.

Tuesday, September 29:

6:00-7:30 p.m.—Dinner.

9:30 p.m.—Formal invitations issued.

Wednesday, September 29:

8:00 a.m.—Formal invitations collected.

6:00-9:30 p.m.—Preference Night dinner.

Thursday, September 30:

9:00 a.m.—Bids shall be in Dean of Women's office.

2:00-4:00 p.m.—Rushees shall call at the Dean of Women's office to give preference of sororities.

7:00 p.m.—Rushees appear in person at sorority house for pledging.

Silent Periods

There will be no rushing whatsoever from Monday, September 21, to Friday, September 25, at 3:00 p.m. (Freshman week.)

From June 1 to July 15 there shall be no rushing other than informal calling.

There shall be no rushing whatsoever after the first two weeks of every term.

During Fall Rushing there shall be no communication whatsoever between rushees and sorority women other than within the hours scheduled in the Handbook for parties on the following days:

Friday, September 25 Saturday, September 26 Sunday, September 27 Monday, September 28 Tuesday, September 29 Wednesday, September 30 Thursday, October 1

Rules Regulating Fall Rushing

- 1. It is expected that all sororities shall conform to the ordinary rules of fair play and the honor spirit. Any group violating these rules shall be considered dishonorable and subject to penalty, even though adhering to the specified Panhellenic rules.
- 2. In all unusual and unexpected situations that may arise during the rushing period, rushees shall appeal either to the President of Panhellenic (telephone 115), or to the Dean of Women. Under no circumstances shall she confer with any other person.
- Girls wishing to break dates should do so through the President of Panhellenic and not with the particular sorority concerned.
- 4. No sorority member or pledge or girl who intends to renew her pledge to a sorority shall live in the halls of residence during the closed rush week.
- During times closed to rushing rushees shall not be visited in their homes or in the residence halls.
- Engagements made with sorority women or alumnae before the date books are issued are automatically canceled by Panhellenic.
- The alumnae of each sorority shall be informed of the Panhellenic rules and each sorority shall be held responsible for its alumnae conforming to the rules.

- 8. At rushing events, no orchestras or outside entertainment are to be used.
- Sorority matters may be discussed, but matters pertaining to other sororities may not.
- There shall be no rushing with men; this includes getting dates during Fall Rushing.
- 11. Sisters shall be rushed the same as other rushees.
- 12. During fall rushing, decorations shall be limited to very simple place cards and flowers to decorate the chapter house and no preference night gifts shall be used.
- The preference system shall be used. Two choices shall be allowed.
- 14. The names of the pledges shall not be printed in the Barometer or any other newspaper, but a list shall be kept in the office of the Dean of Women and in the records of the Panhellenic Association.
- Any violation of rushing rules shall be reported immediately to Panhellenic.
- The time for Fall Rushing shall be from Friday, September 25, 3 p.m. to Wednesday, October 1, 9:30 p.m.
- 17. All parties for Fall Rushing shall be at the sorority house.
- Invitations for luncheons and dinners shall be written on cards furnished by Panhellenic.
- Invitations to rushees living in halls of residence are to be sent through Panhellenic.
- 20. Invitations to rushees living in town shall be delivered by the sorority, at the time of delivery at the halls.

- Procedure with First Period dates: There
 will be tea, at every sorority house, to
 which all girls are invited, Friday, September 25.
- 22. Procedure with Second Period dates: Friday, September 25.
 - a. Rushing chairmen shall deliver Second Period invitations to Panhellenic Office by 5:00 p.m.
 - Panhellenic shall deliver invitations to rushees between the hours of 7:00 and 9:00 p.m.
 - c. Rushees shall answer invitations by checking the date desired on the date book. All invitations received whether accepted or not must be left at the office of the hall in which the rushee is residing by Saturday, September 26, 8:00 a.m.
 - d. Panhellenic shall call for answers at the halls Saturday, September 26, 8:00 a.m.
 - e. The invitations to rushees living in town shall be issued and collected at the same time that the invitations are being issued and collected at the halls.
 - f. Rushing chairmen shall call for answers at the Panhellenic Office Saturday, September 26, 10:00 a.m.
 - g. After Friday, September 25, 7:00 p.m., sororities may make no further requests for dates during the Second Period.
- 23. Procedure for Third Period and preference invitations:
 - a. Rushing chairmen shall deliver Third Period invitations to the Panhellenic Office Sunday, September 27, at 2:00 p.m.

- b. Panhellenic shall deliver invitations to rushees between 2:00-2:30 p.m.
- c. Rushees shall return answers to the office of their residence hall by Sunday, September 27, at 4:00 p.m.
- d. Rushing chairmen shall call for answers at the Panhellenic Office Sunday, September 27, at 5:00 p.m.
- e. The acceptance of the Second Period date by a rushee indicates a decided preference for the sorority whose date she accepts.
- f. Rushees not receiving, or not accepting, a Second Period invitation should engage permanent rooms for the term.
- g. Panhellenic suggests that a rushee accept not more than two dates for the same sorority during any one period.
- h. Rushing chairmen shall deliver Preference Invitations to the Panhellenic Office Tuesday, September 29, 9:30 p.m.
- Panhellenic shall deliver invitations to rushees between the hours of 9:30 and 10.30 p.m.
- j. The rushee shall return her written answer to the office of the hall in which she resides by Wednesday, September 30, 8:00 a.m.
- k. Panhellenic shall call for answers Wednesday, September 30, 9:00 a.m.
- Rushing chairmen shall call for answers at the Panhellenic Office Wednesday, September 30, 10:00 a.m.
- m. Thursday, October 1, rushees shall be notified when to call at the Dean of Women's Office to give their preference for pledging.

- 24. Bids shall be in the Dean of Women's Office by 10:00 a.m., Thursday, October 1.
- 25. Bidding shall be by the "third-party system." All invitations and bids of the sororities are to be handled by a capable and disinterested Panhellenic committee, which shall keep all business passing through its hands strictly confidential. During Fall Rushing rushees are to receive bids only from the hands of the Panhellenic committee.
- 26. Rushing chairmen shall receive lists of pledges at 5:00 p.m., Thursday, October 1, at the Dean of Women's Office.
- 27. A rushee shall answer her bid in person at the sorority house at 6:30 p.m., Thursday, October 1, when pledging will take place.

Standing Rules

I. GENERAL

 There shall be no rushing of unaffiliated girls registered in Oregon State College during the months of October, February, and May.

2. High school seniors and high school grad-

uates only are eligible to rushing.

 Rushees may obtain information concerning sorority costs at the office of the Dean of Women.

4. There shall be no formal rushing during

the month of July.

5. There shall be a short season closed to rushing.

6. There shall be an early pledge day.

7. Open bidding shall prevail between the major rushing seasons.

8. No parties shall be allowed which conflict

with the college schedule.

9. There shall be a reasonable and sane limitation of expense.

 A system of bidding and pledging shall be used which will not invite publicity.

11. The proof of a girl's being pledged shall be a dated written statement, signed by the pledge and witnessed by a member of the sorority, and filed in the Dean of Women's Office.

12. A pledge shall expire at the end of one

calendar year.

13. A girl wishing to break her pledge must comply with the rule of procedure enforced by National Panhellenic. Under this rule she is ineligible for a bid from any other sorority for a period of one year from the date of the breaking of the pledge.

II. PLEDGING

- 1. A girl is considered a pledge when she accepts the ribbon of a sorority.
- Houses shall notify Panhellenic of the breaking of a pledge or a cancellation of membership of any girl.
- 3. A pledge shall expire at the end of one calendar year. "This has been interpreted by the National Panhellenic Congress to mean that a girl may not be pledged to any other national sorority during that year. For instance, if a girl pledged October 3, 1935, failed to make her grades or fulfill requirements for initiation, or initiation privileges are not offered before October 3, 1936, she is then eligible for pledging to any sorority after October 3, 1936. This regulation holds good whether the girl be on the campus where she was originally pledged, or on a campus to which she has transferred.

"If, however, her pledge is released by the chapter at any time previous to October, 3, 1936, or if she herself 'breaks' the pledge, she is not then eligible for pledging a sorority for one calendar year from the day on which her pledge was released or broken. This regulation holds good no matter on which campus the girl may be."

The pledge of any girl asked to withdraw from the institution for poor scholarship or for disciplinary reasons is automatically broken. The girl shall not be eligible again for rushing until she has removed the deficiency and reinstated herself by creditable work.

HISTORIES OF OSC SORORITIES

Alpha Chi Omega

Alpha Chi Omega was founded October 15, 1885, at DePauw University. There are fifty-seven active chapters; twenty-five alumnae chapters; and 57 alumnae clubs; with a total membership of thirteen thousand. The pin is a golden lyre inlaid with pearls, having three twisted strings spanned diagonally by a raised and slightly rounded scroll of black enamel bearing the Greek letters Alpha, Chi, and Omega in gold. The pledge pin is diamond-shaped, half of scarlet, half of olive green enamel, bearing in the center an inlaid golden lyre. The magazine is entitled the "Lyre." The carnation is the fraternity flower.

Alpha Chi Omega was the first national women's sorority at Oregon State college, being established February 25, 1915.

The philanthropic and altruistic works of Alpha Chi Omega are many. Among the most notable are: the Scholarship fund started in 1915 and awarded annually to college and high school students, and Star Studio open to creative workers in literature, music, or other arts.

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Alpha Delta Pi

Alpha Delta Pi celebrated its eighty-fifth anniversary on May 15, 1936, having been founded May 15, 1851 at Wesleyan Female College at Macon, Georgia. It is the oldest collegiate sorority. Although for fifty-three years it existed as the Adelphean Society and did not adopt its Greek name until 1904, it

was nevertheless organized along the lines of a sorority from its beginning.

The first chapters were formed in the south and gradually spread until the sorority is now international with three chapters in Canada and fifty-one chapters scattered throughout the United States, making a total of fifty-four chapters.

The recognition pin is a small diamond shaped badge, enameled in black and bearing 2 gold stars, clasped hands and the letters Alpha, Delta, Pi in gold. The pin may be jeweled or not as the girl desires.

The pledge pin is a bar of gold bearing the Greek letters BYA, surmounted by a lion's head.

The colors are blue and white; the violet is the national flower.

The "Adelphean," first issued in 1907, is the official magazine, published four times a year. The secret magazine known as the "Adelphean Chronicle" was first issued in 1851 in the handwriting of the various members and is now issued by the National Secretary. A song book and a National History are also issued.

Alpha Gamma Delta

The actual founding of Alpha Gamma Delta occurred on May 30, 1904 at Syracuse University, Syracuse, New York.

Today there are forty-one chapters in the United States, and five in Canada, thus giving it the distinction of being an international fraternity. There are alumnae chapters wherever active chapters are found, and alumnae clubs have been formed in many of the larger cities.

The "Quarterly", Alpha Gamma Delta's international publication, is issued regularly, and contains much interesting news concerning the fraternity and its outstanding members.

The altruistic work of the fraternity consists in the maintenance of two very successful summer camps for underprivileged children. One camp is located at Jackson, Michigan, and another is at Welland, Ontario.

The colors of the fraternity are red, buff, and green. The fraternity flower is the rose. The fraternity pin is made up of the Greek letters, Alpha, Gamma, and Delta, the A being superimposed on the Gamma and Delta.

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Alpha Xi Delta

Alpha Xi Delta was founded April 17, 1893, at Lombard College, Galesburg, Illinois.

College chapters, 56; alumnae chapters, 48; alumnae clubs, 45; total membership, 12,000. There are 2 inactive chapters.

The badge is a golden quill, either plain or jeweled, on the feathers of which are the letters Alpha, Xi, and Delta in burnished gold. The fraternity jewels are pearls and diamonds. The flower is the pink rose. The colors are light and dark blue and gold. The pledge pin is an ellipse of black enamel with the edge of burnished gold and the letters Alpha, Xi, Delta also of burnished gold.

National philanthropy consists of a Biennial Fellowship of \$1,000 awarded through A.A.U.W., scholarship loans to juniors and seniors in the fraternity, and the support of a teacher at Carcassonne Community center in Kentucky.

A new revised and enlarged song book was published in 1935. This new song book has been chosen as the best of its kind published by any fraternity organization. "The Alpha Xi Delta", the official publication was first published in 1904. Other publications put out by the fraternity are the "History of Alpha Xi Delta", "The Quill", the secret publication, and "The Alpha Xi Delta Manual of Fraternity Education."

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Beta Phi Alpha

Beta Phi Alpha was founded at the University of California on May 8, 1909. There are now twenty-five active college chapters, six inactive chapters, and thirty alumnae groups.

The official badge is a gold Greek "Phi" outlined in pearls, with "B" and "A" embossed in gold on black enamel at either side of the stem of the "Phi". The pledge pin is a pointed oval of black enamel outlined in gold, with a gold star in the center. The colors are green and gold. The flower is the vellow tea rose.

The official publication is the "Aldebaran," life subscriptions to which are required of all members. Further contact between chapters and grand chapter is gained by newsletters from the grand president and by chapter publications called "Rays". The first songbook was published in 1925, followed by a supplement in 1930. Three fraternity directories have been published.

Philanthropic work was started in 1925 under the name of Mary Gordon Holway Loan Fund, which is available to chapter members. An endowment fund was also started, and a policy permitting life memberships in the grand chapter.

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Chi Omega

Chi Omega's national organization was founded at the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, Arkansas, in 1895. At the present time there are 89 active chapters. Eta Alpha chapter at Oregon State College was granted a charter and installed in October 1917, after the local Zeta Alpha Omicron club had petitioned in March 1917.

Chi Omega's policies include creditable and sincere scholarship, healthful participation in college activities and individual and collective achievement.

In connection with a national program of civic and social service, each year this chapter awards an outstanding senior in home economics a prize of twenty-five dollars.

The Chi Omega pin is the Chi placed upon the Omega, the symbols Rho, Beta, Upsilon, Eta, Sigma across the top, the skull and crossbones on the right, and the owl on the left and fourteen pearls or diamonds on the Chi.

The pledge pin is a black enamel oval with the Chi and Omega in gold.

The flower is the white carnation.

A national monthly, the "Eleusis," furnishes news of other chapters and articles written by prominent people throughout the country.

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Delta Delta Delta

Theta Mu chapter of Delta Delta Delta was installed on the Oregon State campus

October 3, 1918, just thirty years after the national sorority was founded on Thanksgiving Eve. 1888, in Boston, Massachusetts. Since that time, Tri Delta has become an international organization, numbering 88 chapters, located in all sections of the United States and including three in Canada with a total membership of 20,000.

Theta Mu chapter has grown from its original nineteen members to forty-one chapter members and twelve pledges at the present time. A new cultural program has recently been initiated which consists of bringing well known authorities to the chapter house to lecture on topics of general interest, and to lead discussion groups.

Alumni organizations include an alliance in Salem and one in Portland and Corvallis which sponsors rushing parties, also making donations to the chapter fund.

The pledge pin is formed by three small green Deltas, surrounding an inverted triangle. The emblem of chapter affiliation is a dainty gold crescent, monogrammed with the three Deltas and surmounted by three pearlstudded stars. It is familiarly known as the "stars and crescent". Silver, gold, and blue are the Tri Delt colors, and the pansy, pearl, and pine its symbols.

CN Delta Zeta

Delta Zeta was founded October 24, 1902, at Miami University, Oxford, Ohio, and today has a total membership of 9,000-a col-

lege membership of 1,200 and an alumnae of 7,800. The active membership is distributed over fifty-one chapters in approved colleges and universities.

Delta Zeta has a loan fund amounting to \$40,000 which is available to undergraduate members to assist them in completing their college careers.

Delta Zeta has promoted an extensive social service program at Vest, Kentucky, consisting of a community settlement and dormitory for girls and their teachers. A four-year accredited high school course is given for anyone desiring to register for the work.

The Delta Zeta pin is a Roman lamp resting on an Ionic column. In the flame is a diamond and at the base of the lamp are four pearls, while the lamp bears the letters Delta and Zeta. The pledge pin is diamond-shaped and is of black enamel bearing the Roman lamp in gold.

The official publication of the sorority is "The Lamp." Each initiated member receives a life subscription to this publication.

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Gamma Phi Beta

Since the founding of Gamma Phi Beta sorority at Syracuse university November 11, 1874, forty-six chapters have been installed throughout the United States and Canada. One of the international projects of the sorority is the series of summer camps for underprivileged children in Virginia, Colorado, and British Columbia.

Every two years Gamma Phi awards a \$1000 scholarship through the American Association of University Women for graduate social service work. This award is known as the Lindsay Barbee fellowship, in honor of the editor of the sorority magazine, "The Crescent."

Chi chapter at Oregon State was installed

April 26, 1918.

The badge of the sorority is a monogram of the Greek letters enclosed in a black enameled crescent, which bears a Hebrew inscription. The pledge pin is an equilateral triangle with a mode crescent on a background of brown. The sorority colors are light and dark brown.

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Kappa Alpha Theta

Kappa Alpha Theta was founded at De-Pauw University, Green Castle, Indiana, in 1870. There are sixty-four chapters in the United States and Canada, and forty-six

alumnae chapters.

The emblem is in the shape of a kite, black with gold border. The pin may or may not be encircled with pearls. The Greek letters Kappa Alpha Theta are written in gold on a white band beneath two stars made of diamond chips.

The colors, black and gold, are also found

in the fraternity flower, the pansy.

The Kappa Alpha Theta magazine, published quarterly, tells what is happening in the different chapters, and gives lists of pledges and initiates of each chapter.

The fraternity provides a scholarship for upper class women who need the funds to

continue school.

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Kappa Delta

Kappa Delta Sorority was founded in 1897 at Virginia State Normal School, Farmville, Virginia. At the present time there are sixty-

eight active chapters and one hundred alumnae associations. Kappa Delta ranks fourth in size in national sororities.

Kappa Delta established a Student Loan Fund in 1916 to aid worthy college members who need financial assistance.

A Chapter House Fund was created in 1919 which fosters building and maintenance of chapter houses.

In 1921 Kappa Delta endowed five beds in the Crippled Children's Hospital in Richmond, Virginia, and has since, also, equipped a dental room and a gymnasium in the hospital.

The Kappa Delta Endowment Fund was established in 1923 whereby yearly reserves are permanently placed in trust. Life memberships to the "Angelos," the sorority magazine, are also maintained by the fund.

Alpha Kappa chapter of Kappa Delta was established on the Oregon State campus in 1926.

The badge is diamond-shaped, displaying a dagger, the Greek letters Kappa Delta, and the letters AOT in gold on a background of black enamel.

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Kappa Kappa Gamma

Kappa Kappa Gamma was founded at Monmouth College, Monmouth, Illinois, October 13, 1870. The following are honored as founders of the fraternity: Louise Bennett, Jennette Boyd, Minnie Stewart, Anna E. Willits, Louisa Stevenson.

The extension of the fraternity was very rapid in the first two decades, thirty-one chapters having been established by 1889. At the present time there are seventy-one active, nine inactive chapters, and one hundred seventeen alumnae associations in the United States and Canada. Kappa Kappa Gamma has approximately 25,000 members.

The badge of the fraternity is a golden key one inch in length with the letters Kappa Kappa Gamma on the stem and Alpha Omega Omicron on the ward. The pledge pin is a Delta of dark blue enamel on silver, three-eights inch on each side, inclosing a Sigma of light blue enamel. The colors of the fraernity are light and dark blue, the blue of the sky and the blue of the sea. The fleur-delis is the flower, and the sapphire the jewel.

In 1881 the National Convention of Kappa Kappa Gamma voted to issue a magazine to be called "The Golden Key," and in 1882 the first issue appeared. The name of the publication was later changed to "The Key." The history of Kappa Kappa Gamma has been written since the beginning. It is now a volume of 887 pages.

The philanthropic work of Kappa Kappa Gamma includes students' loans, emergency loans, scholarships, and welfare work. The Students' Aid Fund, one of the best-known in the fraternity, is a scholarship loan fund open to other college women as well as to members. There are three annual fellowships of \$500 open to fraternity or non-fraternity women on campuses where Kappa Kappa Gamma has a chapter. The Rose McGill Fund is maintained by the fraternity for ren-

dering financial aid in emergency cases to

Pi Beta Phi

Founded: April 28, 1867, at Monmouth College, Monmouth, Illinois, the first national secret society for women to be modeled after the men's Greek-letter fraternity. Active members living: 25,828; Chapters: 80; Alumnae Clubs: 171.

The badge is a golden arrow bearing the letters Pi Beta Phi transversely on its feather. The pledge pin is an arrow head of Roman gold mounted with the Greek letter Beta. The fraternity colors are wine and silver blue, and the flower is the wine carnation.

"The Arrow," a quarterly magazine, is the official organ of the society. A history of the organization was recently published.

In 1912 the Pi Beta Phi Settlement School was established in the mountains of Tennessee, an altruistic enterprise to promote education among the backwoods people. A grade school and high school are maintained, and in the Arrow Craft Shop the older women are taught weaving, basket making, etc. The school enrollment is 335, and of this number 58 are in high school.

In 1917, the Oregon Beta chapter of Pi Beta Phi was installed at Oregon State College.

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Sigma Kappa

Sigma Kappa was founded in 1874 at Colby College, Waterville, Maine. It was established on the Oregon State campus in 1918. It is not only a national sorority, but also an international one, having forty-two chapters in all. Originally known as the Kappa

Kappa Kappa sorority, but later changed to its present name of Sigma Kappa.

Our publication which is the "Triangle" is published quarterly. Our philanthropic work is done through the Maine Sea Coast Mission which was established in 1905 at Bar Harbor, Maine.

Our pledges are identified by a gold pin with a serpent in the shape of a Sigma around the letter K which stands for Kappa; our members wear a gold triangle-shaped pin surrounded by eighteen pearls and a maroon center with the Greek letters SK in gold.

Our colors are lavender and maroon, the flower is the violet, and the national jewel is the pearl.